

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. An event creation system for use in storing files relating to an event that is to occur at a predetermined time in the future, comprising:
 - a computer device;
 - a peripheral device that is connectable to the computer device; and

5 software running on the computer device which creates a folder on the peripheral device when it is connected to the computer device into which files that are created on the peripheral device after the predetermined time are automatically placed.

2. The system recited in Claim 1 which comprises an e-mail based event creation system, wherein the computer device is capable of receiving an e-mail message relating to an event that is to occur at a predetermined time in the future, and wherein the software is responsive to receipt of the e-mail message and which creates the folder on 5 the peripheral device.

3. The system recited in Claim 1 which comprises a dock based event creation system, wherein the computer device is capable of connecting to multiple peripheral devices, and wherein the software is responsive to the connections of the peripheral devices to the computer device to create a folder on each of the peripheral devices into .5 which files that are created after the predetermined time are automatically placed.

4. The system recited in Claim 2 wherein the folder is given an intuitive name relating to the event designated by the email message.

5. The system recited in Claim 1 wherein the folder has metadata relating to the event created for it,

6. The system recited in Claim 5 wherein the metadata is a descriptor of the event timing.

7. The system recited in Claim 1 wherein the peripheral device is selected from a group consisting of personal computers, handheld computers, personal digital assistants, and cellular telephones.

8. The system recited in Claim 1 wherein the software creates subdirectories in the folder.

9. A method for use in storing files relating to an event that is to occur at a predetermined time in the future, comprising the steps of;

accepting an event on a computer device;

connecting a peripheral device designated for use at the event to the computer

5 device;

creating a folder for the event on the connected peripheral device; and

after the predetermined time, automatically placing files that are created on the peripheral device into the folder.

10. The method recited in Claim 9 wherein the step of accepting an event comprises an e-mail based event, and wherein receipt of the e-mail message creates the folder on the peripheral device.

11. The method recited in Claim 9 wherein the folder is given an intuitive name relating to the event designated by the email message.

12. The method recited in Claim 9 wherein the folder has metadata relating to the event created for it,

13. The method recited in Claim 12 wherein the metadata is a descriptor of the event timing.

14. The method recited in Claim 9 wherein the peripheral device is selected from a group consisting of personal computers, handheld computers, personal digital assistants, and cellular telephones.

15. The method recited in Claim 9 wherein subdirectories are created in the folder.

16. A method for use in storing files relating to an event that is to occur at a predetermined time in the future, comprising the steps of:
 - configuring a computer device to allow a peripheral device to connect to it;
 - at the time of the event, connecting the peripheral device to the personal computer; and

upon connection, creating a folder on the connected peripheral device, into which files that are created on the peripheral device are automatically placed.
17. The method recited in Claim 16 wherein the folder is given an intuitive name relating to the event designated by the email message.
17. The method recited in Claim 16 wherein the folder has metadata relating to the event created for it,
18. The method recited in Claim 17 wherein the metadata is a descriptor of the event timing.
19. The method recited in Claim 16 wherein the peripheral device is selected from a group consisting of personal computers, handheld computers, personal digital assistants, and cellular telephones.
20. The method recited in Claim 16 wherein subdirectories are created in the folder.
21. An event creation system for use in storing files relating to an event that is to occur at a predetermined time in the future, comprising:
 - a computer device);
 - a peripheral device that is connectable to the computer device; and

5 folder creation means operative on the computer device for creating a folder on the peripheral device into which files created on the peripheral device after the predetermined time are automatically placed.
22. The system recited in Claim 21 which comprises an e-mail based event creation system, wherein the computer device is capable of receiving an e-mail message relating to an event that is to occur at a predetermined time in the future, and wherein the folder creation means is responsive to receipt of the e-mail message and which creates
5 the folder on the peripheral device.

23. The system recited in Claim 21 which comprises a dock based event creation system, wherein the computer device is capable of connecting to multiple peripheral devices, and wherein the folder creation means is responsive to the connections of the peripheral devices to the computer device to create a folder on each of the peripheral devices into which files that are created after the predetermined time are automatically placed.
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24. The system recited in Claim 22 wherein the folder is given an intuitive name relating to the event designated by the email message.
25. The system recited in Claim 21 wherein the folder has metadata relating to the event created for it,
26. The system recited in Claim 25 wherein the metadata is a descriptor of the event timing.
27. The system recited in Claim 21 wherein the peripheral device is selected from a group consisting of personal computers, handheld computers, personal digital assistants, and cellular telephones.